THE Parlament of VVomen.

With the merry Lawes by them newly enacted. To live in more Eaſe, Pompe, Pride, and wantonneſſe: but eſpecially that they might have ſuperiority and domineere over their husbands: with a new way found out by them to cure any old or new Cuckolds, and how both parties may recover their credit and honeſty againe.

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The Parlament of Women. with the merry *Lawes* by them newly *Enacted*.

KApirius was the name of divers Nob*Romans*, one whereof had to firnam*Pretextatus* : the reaſon was, becau in his youth hee had the underſtanding of Elder, who being a child, and carried by his F ther into the Senate, where they were to deba and determine of weighty affaires concerni the ſtate of *Rome* : his Mother at his commi home, asked of the Boy what was the cauſe their ſo often meeting, and what was conclud in the Senate that day, which he apprehendin that hee was not to reveale, remained ſilent, b his Mother further importuning him, & thre ning him with the rod, that unleſſe hee wou acquaint her with all their proceedings, sh would whip him ſoundly : both to avoid t prejudice that might happen, if he ſhould ha revealed the ſecrets of the Senate, and to sat ſie his Mother for the preſent, hee told her th they had made a Decree, and eſtabliſht it, that ſhould be lawfull for every man to have tw wives : upon which, ſhe preſently without a mo

ore adoe, ſent to the chiefe Matrons in *Rome*, t it would pleaſe them to vouchſafe to come her houſe, and ſhe would acquaint them with h a project that her husband and theirs had ne in the Senate houſe that day, and to their ejudice, as wanted preſident or example.

At which ſummons, many, or the moſt of them, ve her a viſit, where ſhe revealed unto them e whole buſineſſe, as it was repeated by her ung ſonne *Papirius* ; and deſired their aſiſt-ce how to prevent it, and for that to enter in-preſent conſultation, how they might abbro-te that Law, and in ſtead thereof, that every oman might have two husbands : This was o ſooner noiſed in the City, but it was preſent-bruted in the Subburbs, and before they could ropoſe any thing to be concluded, there was a eat noiſe of rapping at the door; they ſending know the cauſe thereof, anſwer was returned em, that there were a great many of Tradeſ-ens wives, who underſtanding the cauſe of at meeting, deſired to have their voyces in e Councell, alleaging withall, that though e Matrons were noble, and they but Mecha-icks, and poore Trades-mens Wives, yet Parlament could bee held, but there muſt a lower Houſe as well as a higher, and Spea-rs for both : and further, that nothing could concluded in the higher, but it muſt firſt bee

debated in the lower: upon which Reasons th
were admitted, and a great Parlour seruing f
a Parlament House, every one tooke their plac
according to their degrees, and which was
wonder amongst Women, they suffered one
speake at once, which was the Mother of *Pap*
rius, who said as followeth.

To you as well of the Manufacture, as the M
tronship, I speak to all in generall, I haue know
a Lord contented with one Lackey, a Mast
with one man, a tenement with one Land-lor
a Bird with one mate, a Cow with one Mil
maid, and shall a Man desire to have two Wiu
that (alas) with all he can do, can hardly plea
one: nay grant them two, in time they will gro
to ten, from ten to twenty, and then, what a ra
ket there would be who should rule the roast
Nay, I have heard of one that had at once a 100
wines and Concubines: Now out vpon for
lew (said a second) and taking the tale out
her mouth, thus proceeded: methinks, they shoul
rather have consulted that women might hav
had two strings to their bow, that if one slipt th
other might hold, one for week days, to drudg
within doores, another for Holidayes to wal
abroad with her, and vsher her in his best cloa
thes; keeping one for her delight, the other fo
her drudgery, to which motion, they wit
an unanimous voyce consented: then up start
a third

hird, and ſaid, our Sexe is now of late grown owards, carpet and curtaine-hearted : where thoſe magnanimous and Maſculine ſpirited atrons ? Thoſe valiant Viragoes ? Thoſe lu- Ladies ? thoſe daring *Amazonian* Damſels? *rithena*, *Penthiſilea*, *Thaleſtres*, and the ſt ? who made Coxecombes of *Keyſars*, Pup- ts of Princes, Captives of Captaines, Fooles Philoſophers, and Hench-men of their huſ- nds ? but though we want weapons, and are ridged of their Armes, yet they ſhall know at we have the Law in our owne hands, and our owne Caſes wee will be our owne Law- rs and plead our owne rights. For wee have ngues to tell one our owne Tales, and our ales ſhall be heard and handled, when ſome theirs ſhall not: What ? give theſe Cocks ave to crow, and we ſhall have the Ravens llow after.

Theſe words were ſpoke with ſuch an empha- , that there was a generall hum through all e Parlament-parlour : then there was a moti- made, that every one for the preſent ſhould t in a particular of their owne grievances : irſt upſtarts one Mris. *Rattle* a Tailers wife, and d, I thinke the Proverb may be very well ve- fied in my husband, which is, that many Tay- rs go to the making up of one man; for he hath more mettle in him than a Mouſe, he workes

altogether with hot needle and burnt thred: fo
nothing he doth prospers with me. I think th
reason is, because he uses an unlawfull Yard, an
wants that handfull which belongs to the Cit
Measure, or else because he sits crosse-leg'd o
his Shop-boord, like a dead Hare on a Poulte
rers stall, and no good worke can bee done tha
way. If at any time he make me a new petticote
he will threaten to sit on my skirts, and that'
all: He wil sowe and sowe, and yet when he hat
done all he can, it proves but so and so, and wit
that she put finger in the eye and wept.

Nay another Gossip seeing and pittying th
poore puling creature, rose up, and said, I take it
your best course Mris. *Rattle*, is to acquaint you
selfe with some Courtier, his customer, & whe
any Masque or Show is to be presented at Court
he may helpe you to a good standing. Then ano
ther starts up, and said, my name is *Franke Fall
downe*, a Felt-makers wife, and know no mor
from my Husband of the three parts that be
long to a Nowne Substantive but the first, an
that is felt, and nothing else worthy to be heard
or understood. *Sisly* the Sadlers wife sate next
Nay, you may take mee too in your number, fo
my case is as much to be condol'd as any's, wh
have a very Pea-goose and Patch-pannell to my
good man: well, his Gerths or Latchets may
passe for currant, but I could never see a good
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r-up from him since hee was my husband; I nfesse he is saddle-nos'd, and saddle-backt o, but never could set the saddle on the right rse since I knew him: to whom the Horse-ursers wife cald *Harebrain*, replyed, my good an is his customer, who keeps the saddle to imselfe, but gives me the bit and the bridle, he an teach his horses to pase as hee list; but for imselfe, he hath neither good amble, trot, nor allop.

After them, *Grace* the gold-smiths wife, *Sarah* he Silkmans, *Kate* the Comfit-makers, *Beatrice* he Braziers, *Parnell* the Apothecaries, *Maudlin* he Masons, *Winifrid* the Wire-drawers. *Doro-hy* the Drapers, &c. every one laid downe their severall grievances, which as they were attentively heard, so they were much to be commiserated (I am loth to insist of too many, therefore for brevities sake, let these suffice for the rest) then consultation was had how to rectifie what was amisse, for the generall good of their Sexe, how to wrest the power in men from wronging their wives, that thence forward they might live in the more ease, pride, pompe, and liberty: for which they thought fit, that good and wholsome Lawes should be enacted.

The first was Mistris *Tattle-well* that spake, who said, that it was not onely fitting but necessary, that every woman should have two husbands:

for said she, was not every woman borne with two legges, two hands, two eyes, two eares and every deepe Well ought to have two Buckets, while one is comming up the other going downe? hath not most great houses two doors likewise have not most Tavernes a fore door and a back door, with two signes & two Bushes every ship a fore Mast and a maine Mast: most Cityes two or three gates, and every gate three or foure watchmen; and every Beadle three or foure men every night in his Lanthorne, or else their money? hath not every stoole or chaire three or foure legges, and every bed-stead two posts, (and three or foure Curtaines) the better to support the other parts of them, and therefore in conscience every woman may have two husbands: for have not wee women sixe Sences, and men but five; the major part wee know includes the minor: therfore the case is cleare on our sides, for we have nothing to offend and defend our selves but our tongs, which we bring in for another sence: for the tongue tells what the eare heares, what the eye sees, what the hand handles, what the pallat tasteth, what the nose smelleth, therefore the tongue ought to bee the sixe sence, which wee must maintaine for our owne safety: though woman was taken out of the side of man, yet let men know that they cannot, nor shall not alwayes keepe us under.

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I put the case to you; suppose a handsome Lasse marries a Sea-faring man, perchance his occasions cals him to goe a long Voyage to Sea, as to the East or West *Indies*, or to the Straights of *Magellan*, the Reed or Red Sea; or to the *Persian* Gulfe: hee is bound to stay a yeare, two, or three, before he can returne: do you (nay, prithee good sister) let me not be interrupted in my speech; pray silence, or I will say no more; for I now speak to the purpose, as I haue said, do you think it conuenient such a prety soule should lie alone, hauing beene wedded so short a time, and onely tasted of you know what, and having been a fellow-feeler, and a helper in most cases, for the common wealths good, that she can be content to lie alone: tumbling and tossing in a good Featherbed, sometimes to the wall, sometimes to the doore, sometimes of one side, and sometimes of the other: sighing and groaning, as if her very twatling strings would break; making her moan to the curtains; fumbling and biting or tearing the Sheets, and by that means ease her oppressed body and minde; nay, I should not say oppressed body; for there I was mistaken, there my tongue went too fast, I should haue said her troubled and perplexed spirit, heart, or what you terme it. Ought not I say, such women to have two or three Husbands: yes, yes said they, being alwayes provided, and for the good

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of the Common-wealth: So likewiſe the Soul-
dier and Captaine when they are gone to the
Wars, the Merchant, the Factor, and the Mar-
ner, when they are at Sea, a fooliſh Plaintiff
and his Defendent, that will come up poſt two
or three hundred miles to ſpend his money, and
ſtay a whole Terme before he returne to his be-
loved; ought not theſe (and many more which
I could name, which for brevities ſake I omit)
to leave one Husband at home, while the other
being at Sea, looks to the maine boling, and ſee
that the fore-maſt, and Maine-yard, and all o-
ther Tackling be fit and compleat for his occaſi-
ons: The Factor while he lookes to caſt up his
accompts abroad, ſhee may looke and caſt up
hers at home: the Plaintiffe and defendant while
they be ſpending money at Law, ſhee may get
ſome at home by love. All theſe caſes are to bee
conſidered; for every Musket muſt have a ſcou-
ring ſticke, and every Gun muſt have a rammer,
and every pen muſt be dipped in inke before it
will write: Has not every Conſtable his Beadle,
every Sarjeant his Yeoman? Hath not every
Officer in a Ship his Mate: as the Surgeon hee
hath his mate, the Maſter hath his Mate, and
the Gunner his mate: It is good to have two
ſtrings to ones bow, if one break the other may
hold: that if one be dogged and ſurely, the other
may be pleaſant and joviall; that while one bee
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of the hooks, the other may be on on the hin-
s: Upon which motion it is fully agreed up-
by us women, who are here present, which
nde it better for us women, to have two hus-
nds, that if one be ſicke the other may be well,
ne abroad and another at home: And this was
kewiſe the motion of one miſtris *Tabitha*
ireman, and all giving out, it might bee a great
neanes to aboliſh the old cuſtome of making
ukolds: ere ſhe could proceed, they all cryed
t up for currant: but let me tell your one thing
which might put a rub in our way: what if our
Husbands object, and ſay that wee promiſed to
love and obey them at the day of our marriage,
and that we muſt be tyed to that promiſe? By
our Lady that is true, ſaid they, what muſt be our
plea for that? Ile tell you ſaid Miſtris *Tattle-*
well: Let us anſwer thus much in that behalfe;
that we had a mentall reſervation, when the wi-
ſeſt of us ſaid ſo; for though our husbands expect
it at our hands all our life time, wee muſt ſay,
that we meant it onely for that day and the firſt
night, and no longer; and therefore by this
meanes we may wave the buſineſſe, and repeale
that law: whereupon they all agreed unto it
with a generall conſent, and a great commenda-
tions beſtowed on Miſtris *Tattle-wel*, for finding
out this myſtery and evaſion, which was ſet
down at firſt by theſe men by way of errour and

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miſtake. Then Miſtris *Prudence Prate-all* ſai
Let it be likewiſe enacted, that ſince mai
for the moſt part marry in haſte, and repent
leiſure, that wee may bee haſty alſo in our own
houſes, that if our husbands be peeviſh, we ma
pout; when they are harſh wee may be humou
rous; they curſt, we crabbed; and when the
thinke to make us melancholy, we in requitall
ſtrive to make them horne-mad, by making ou
Peticoats our Purlews: at which if they grudge
or grumble, wee may find anſwers by looking
upon our apron-ſtrings; knowing by experience
that moſt men are of a ſtrange kidney, and will
never be at quiet full nor faſting; this alſo paſt
amongſt the reſt. The next that ſpake in Court,
was a mad wench called *Beſſe Blue*, or *Blot-Booke*, a Scriveners wife, who alſo deſired, that
one thing might bee rectified concerning her
husbands trade, that in all Contracts, Cove-
nants and Joyntures made betwixt Batchelours
and Maides, widdowes and widdowers, the of-
ten word *Not-with-ſtanding* may be quite razed
out, and in the ſtead thereof, *Alwayes provided*
as often put in: the want of which reformation
ſaid ſhe, I have endured to my great prejudice:
To this they generally aſſented, and deſired that
it may be prick downe with an *Imprimis*: In
then comes Miſtris *Eleanor Ever-croſſe*, with
her five Egges, and ſaid, that ſhe deſired to have

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pther added, which ſhould not bee addle: husband, ſaid ſhe, in anger ſaid, hee would umpe me, to whom I anſwered; thump me? here wilt thou thumpe me? thumpe me but here thou ſhouldſt thumpe me, or Ile make the deareſt thumping that ever thou didſt umpe in thy life: and I think I hit him home, hich was more than ever he did to me) and en I had him on the hip: and you ſhould have ept him ſo when you had him there (reply'd *Mary Malepart*) if you had been wiſe; But conerning your great thumpers; concerning him? ho ſaid, that a Law might be made, that no oman ſhould ſuffer her ſelfe to be thumpt but s ſhe ought to be; to which the whole Court villingly condiſcended.

Thus ſaid Miſtris *Dorothy Doe-little*, I hold it equiſite alſo, that every woman of ſence, ſhould ake delight to pleaſe her eye with the moſt curious objects, either of ſuch pictures as we like, or ſuch men as we love: Her eare rather with curious and choyſe Muſick, or have ſome Courtſhip that may content her, or ſomewhat publiſht in her prayſe: Her ſmell rather with ſweet and redolent flowers at home, or precious odours and perfumes fetcht from abroad: her touch either with the Pluſh and Taffataes of her owne gay garments, or by the griping of his ſmooth and ſoft hand whom ſhe moſt dearely affecteth.

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Her taſte, with all dainty and deare fare, w
either Fowle or Fiſh, with ſweet Wines, a
ſweet Meats, Banqueting and Junkets, and ev
variety that can taſte the appetite, or pleaſe
pallate. And for our more eaſe, let us lye a
till ten of clock, and then have a Candle brou
to our bed ſide for our breakfaſt; and be re
by dinner time, and then walke abroad to ta
the ayre till Supper-time; and ſo ſpend the we
about, and if they aske the reaſon thereof, te
them it muſt be ſo; becauſe it muſt be ſo, and
them underſtand, that Munday is Sundayes bre
ther, and that Tueſday is ſuch another, Wedne
day they muſt goe to Church and pray, a
Thurſday is halfe holyday, Friday it is too la
to begin to ſpin, and Saturday all the worl
knowes is halfe holyday agen.

You ſpeake well in that, ſaid Miſtris *Bridge*
Bold-face, for why ſhould wee toyle and tu
moyle for our horne-headed, and hard-heade
husbands, and not taſte of the ſweet aſwell a
of the ſower, of the gaine as the paine, th
pleaſure as the puzle. If the husbands be ours
then are their goods ours, their Lands ours,
their Caſh and Coyne ours, and all their move-
ables, (howſoever ſeldome in motion ours too)
and at our command; then why ſhould we bee
niggards, and not ſpend freely of our owne? or
why, when they be prodigall abroad ſhould we
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penurious at home? nay, let us eate good fare, ape goodfires, want nothing that women ould have, good cates after good company: can then bid any God-speed without good ssips. It is fit we should bee merry, so it fall thin compasse of meanes: and for mine own rt, I make use of the old Proverb.

very good Huswife, as soone as she's up,
ath her hand in the Cup-bord, her nose in the cup.

Which was also agreed upon, with such an animous consent, that this Law above the st, should be writ in great Letters to distin-sh them from the rest, as best corresponding with most of their conditions. Further let it be nacted, said *Anne Ever-crosse*, that whosoe-er shall hereafter take a wife, shall doe it with the intent to please her, serve her, and o-ey her, and the first day of their Bridals, as a igne and token of duty to her, and all the rest, place her at the upper end of the Table, or if she like not that place, put her in the middle, and with his hat in his hand wait on her till she hath halfe, or at the most three quarters dined; and then (if he have leave) to sit downe, which must be done with her licence, that hee place himselfe at the lower end of the Table, and make a short meale, till they be ready to take away, and that at Supper he doe the like, and after that she goe to bed first, and rise last, and not

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attempt any thing, but that ſtands with her good liberty and liking, and this paſt amongſt the reſt for currant.

Then roſe up one Miſtris *Rachell Rattlebook* and ſaid, I intreat that I may have a finger in the pie too, as well as the reſt: a Fools bolt (like my husbands) is ſoone ſhot, and ſo is mine: when I was as wel in health as any here, I complained to my good man of my heart and head, my liver and my lungs, and (indeed) I know not of what: who comming home; ſaid wife how do you? I anſwered ſick, good man, very ſick; then the fond Cockſcombe bid mee, ſpeak for any thing I had a minde unto. for, ſaith hee no queſtion, but thou doſt breed: I, I, ſaid I, I doe breed, but you never get me any thing, no (ſaith hee) wife, who gets it then? I told him againe that it was no matter to him who gets it, for ſure (ſaid I) I may long and long, but ſhall be ſure to come ſhort off that which I long for; why, what doſt thou long for, ſaid my Husband? For that (quoth I) which is beyond your reach, I wiſſe: a ſilke Gowne and Satin Peticoate of the faſhion, an Italian cutworke Handkercher and a black-bag, with all the appurtenances thereto belonging: I but ſaith he, ſweet Wife; theſe are above my calling: who then ſaid I, mine owne calling ſhall ſerve, for the next gallant Player I will call in, who, what he cannot adde

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the happineſſe of your memory, ſhal ſtrive to
gment in your honorable ſtate of Matrimony:
d this ſhe deſired to be regiſtred amongſt the
ſt : at which ſome were unwilling that it
ould paſſe, yet the major part were ſo fully
nt, that it was ſet down amongſt the reſt by
e ſhee-ſcrivener in paper, and after in parch-
ent to be endorſed. Miſtris *Tabitha Tearesheet*
en ſtood up, and began to puffe and ſnuffe, and
id, ſhe wondred why men ſhould take ſo much
pon them, when one woman is able upon her
wne knowledge to bring ten of them, and take
em one after another, upon their knees; ther-
ore ſaid ſhe adde this to the other, let woman
rom hence-forward if they be ſhrewiſh or ſhie,
rye it out with them at ſharpe, or if beetle-hea-
ed and blockiſh, with blunter weapons.

But Miſtris *Dorcas Doe-little*, was out at that
aying: ſhe lov'd her eaſe and quiet, and ſaid,
hat the ſafeſt way (as ſhe thought) was to ſleep
n a whole skin: yet ſaith ſhe, my husband is a
gamſter, and as hee games abroad, ſo I play at
home: If he be at Bowles, and kiſſe the Miſtris,
I can for recreation play at rubbers with his
man: when he hath beene all the day at paſſage,
and hazard, at night he comes home, and playes
with me at Doublets, Barrameſ-aco and Backe-
gammon, but I am ſometimes even with him,
for when he with his Sweet-hearts ventures his

ſtate at the Hole, I with his ſervant can paſſe way the time at In and In : after ſpake Miſtr *Rachel Rattle a pace*, and ſaid, as I hold Miſtr *Dorcas*, that lawfull which you do, ſo I hop that I bringing my ſacke to the Mill, it may be grinded amongſt the reſt : that is, when our hu bands trouble us, wee may likewiſe torme them : if they fret we frowne ; they grudge, w grumble ; they prate, we glout ; they croſſe w curſt ; if they bend their browes, we may ben our fiſts ; and bee they never ſo outragious w to carry no coales in any caſe.

But let it then be added (ſaith ſhee that ſat next) That no reconcilement without ſome re ward, and no pardon may be granted without new Gown and a Pettlcoate; which if demur'd upon, at the firſt or ſecond demand, it ſhall bee in her choyce to aske him the third ; and if he cog, and offer to kiſſe you, and tell you they wi kiſſe you, bid them take you about the middle, and kiſſe the heavieſt end: or if he faile, ſhe may reade him a Juniper Lecture, as far as the ſcope of her invention, or the ſcarcity of breath will give her leave; or if he, notwithſtanding al this, be peeviſh and perverſe, ſhe may alſo continue proud and peremptory, till ſhe raile him into reconcilement, and make him provide a feaſt to entertaine her Goſſips, and make his peace that way. And then ſaid another (taking the tale out

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her mouth) if she have a minde to take the
re, or walke to Green-goose Faire, or to any
erry meeting, or Market, if shee desires his
mpany, that he new blacke his shooes, & put
his best hat and cloak to waite on her, either
shering her before, or take her gently by the
me, and lovingly to leade her: or if (for some
asons best known to her selfe) she would have
is absence, that he patiently put money in her
urse, and stay at home without grumbling.
All this while good orders and decrees, with
generall silence was observed, which after
rew to a meere confusion; for the rest having
uch matter to utter, some got up to the tongues
nd, and had not the patience to stay the time,
nd take their turnes: but all of these who had
ot yet spoke, tumultuously breaking out into
lamour, every one desiring to bee heard first,
& the more they were heard, the lesse they were
understood: one cryd out, let not maids stay from
marriage till they are troubled with the greene
sickneſse: another said, that if their husbands
reveld in the Hall, they might rule in the
Kitchin: and if they offered to domineere, they
might spoyle their meate in dressing: a third,
that if their husbands came home drunke, they
might locke them out of doores, and whilst she
tooke her rest in her cabbin, leave him to take
up his lodging in the kennell: a fourth, that if

they prated to be heard, they might powre piſſe-pot upon their heads ;and if after com plaint were made, they might anſwer, the meant neither murther nor man ſlaughter, bu what they did, was *ſe defendendo* : with infinit others, to as little and no purpoſe: by reaſon o which acclamation and noyſe, the Seſſion wa for that time to be diſſolved, but after an O ye ſilence being made, it was concluded among them, that with thoſe Articles agreed upon, the ſhould preſently paſſe from thence to the State houſe, and deliver up their grievances to them

But one thing we have forgot ſaid they, which a maine matter, that is to ſeeke out cure for an old or young Cuckolds : *Then ſpake Miſtris Do*rothy Doe-little, *and ſayd* : *My good man cam home drunke the other day, and becauſe I ſhould no ſee him in that manner, he hid himſelfe in the houſ of ſpeciall Office, and there he began to eaſe his ſto macke, and to lay about him like a Hogge when he hath eaten ſo much that he is ready to burſt ; an becauſe I ſhould not heare him, he thruſts his hea into the hole; and whether it was his large Aſſe eares, or his Bull head and necke I cannot tell, bu he could not get his head out againe, but neede muſt pull up the ſeat about his necke, ſo that h looked as if he had been in the* Pillory. *Vpon which relation they all fell into a great laughter, and withall concluded that it was his* horns: *For Act*eon, *ſaid they, put his head out of the window well*

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ugh, but could not get it backe againe, which
s long of his hornes; this said they is your hus-
nds case. I pray you Mistris Tattle-well, said
, tell me and the rest of our sisters the cure and
medy for it. Thus you must doe (said she) my
are and loving sisters; because the effect lyes at
e heart, and the cause in the head: you must first
move the cause, and the effect will follow: First
ou must carry downe the grife by his Posteriors,
hich must bee done by a medicine that will both
urge and comfort him at one and the same time;
or desperate diseases must have desperate cures:
get I say, (I speake to you all, as well as to you Mi-
stris Doe-little) a gallon of the best Pump-water,
such as will beare the Pattentees Crowne Soape,
r that will scoure well, then set it on the fire in a
Brasse skellet, and put therein a good large Bed-
post, and let it boyle till it is dissolved to a jelly, then
take it off the fire, and put three or foure sorts of
spices in, as Cloves, Mace, Nut-megs, then take
two or three ounces of Sugar-candy, two ounces of
the Syrrup of Harts-ease, and Dainty content,
with an ounce of Candid Forgetfulnesse, and Bet-
ter-conceit, all this is Cordiall: then when it is cool,
put in a little Rubarb, a little Collaquintida, a
little Stibium, and some grosse and Long white
pepper, then let it boyle softly, and when 'tis done,
the next morning let the patient man drinke it
next his heart, and keepe him warme: but you must

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be carefull that it is given him when the Moon is neare the full; not when she is forked or horned, least you lose your labour and cost; for the Moon loves horned people, which are sometimes like hasse selfe: but when she is neare the full, she is then in different whether horned or not horned, all is on to her, and therefore may then be best performed.

Now the inward remedy being applyed, he must then observe the outward meanes: he must conceit himselfe a Batchelour, or a widdower againe, as he was at the first state when he came a wooing to her: then must hee make himselfe a mourning suite and cloake and walke as demurely and as sad, as if his wife were dead indeed: he must likewise be so well conceited of himselfe, as if no such thing had ever beene or thought of: then hee must refraine her company, and the house where she is, eight or ten dayes together, then begin to inquire of her as if she were a stranger to him, afterwards visite her, and then send her presents, and make much of her, then make good cheare, and when you are in a merry vaine, aske her if she can love you? then will she say presently. yes, if you affect her: then get a licence, and forthwith marry her; that being done, see then if any one dare so much as poynt at you with their fingers, or call you Cukold, as formerly they did, if they do, then have you the Civill Law on your side to punish them there, and an action at the Common Law for defamation and there punish their purses in body to; and this is the only cure for old and new

Cockolds: And withall take notice that this wo-
rne must be done when the Moon is increasing, and
in the second quarter, for it will helpe their busi-
nesse forward, and cause them better to conclude
their intended purposes; and this being done, it was
approved for a certaine an approved remedy: and
they both joyning their hands and their hearts as
no doubt they had done before, he promising that
she should (seeing so great a cure had been wrought
upon him, with the regaining of his credit and hone-
sty) once againe be received into his love and fa-
vour: And she on the other side promising him to
be obedient to all his demands, and never againe to
violate the marriage bed: Striving to villifie the
old Proverb: Once a whore and ever a whore.

And now (with no common pace) trudge
these Parlamenters towards the Senate-house to
have their grievances there known; who rapping
at the doore where the Conscript Fathers were
then in Councell: The Mother of *Papyrius* was
presently admitted, to deliver unto them the
minds of the rest, which were fairely written:
which when they had read, & understood, were
greatly amaz'd: But after more narrowly sifting
how all this businesse came about, some laught,
some lowred, some it served for pleasure, to o-
thers for perplexity: but in conclusion they
greatly covered their wives levity and incon-
stancy, but indulgently commeuded the Lads si-
lence and taciturnity.

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The chiefe heads of the womens Lawes.

That in ſtead of allowing men two wives, women, e
cially the ſtronger and greater veſſell ſhould ha
twoor three husbands.

That women might vexe, perplexe, and any way torm
their husbands.

That women may twang it aſwell as their husbands.

That women may feaſt, banquet, and goſſip, when a
where they pleaſe.

Item, It is thought fit and convenient by us, that
rich and old ſtale Batchelours doe marry poore widdow
that have no meanes to live on.

Item, That it is thought meet, that rith widowes ſh
marry gentlemens youngeſt ſonnes that have no meanes
maintaine themſelves.

Item, It is concluded and fully agreed upon, that
women ſhal have their Husbands Tenants at will; and th
they ſhall do them knights ſervice, and have their homa
paid before every Sun riſing; or at every weeks end, or
utmoſt betweene the quarters, not a day longer, to be a
ferd, unleſſe it be in the dogs dayes.

Item, Let our husbands remember, though it bee
tricke of them to forſake our beds in the Dogs dayes, y
let them take notice there is no dogs nights, and that
was at the firſt but a tricke of their owne invention
ſave their labour and mony too; which ill wee diſallo
of for ever.

Item, That no yeoman or Husbandman ſhall keepe,
ſuffer to be kept in their Houſe, Barne or Stable, any Cock
or Cockes that will not tread his Hens: Eſpecially, whe
the Hens thruſt their heads under the Cocks wicke, &c.

Item, That that man which promiſes a pritty mayd
good turn, and doth not perform it within three moneths
ſhall looſe his what do you call them.

FINIS.